

#### **DIRECTORY**

Kiowa Police	580-951-0046
Emergencies dial	911
Enrollment	580-654-6327
Tax Commission	580-654-6319
Election Commission	580-654-6325
Kiowa Tribal Court	580-919-7060
Executive Branch	580-654-6343



Kiowa Tribe Of Oklahoma PO Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015 Phone: 580-654-6300 Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

#### **Tribal Operations**

Kiowa Tribal Complex	580-654-6300
Human Resource Department	580-654-6464
Natural Resources Department	580-654-6470
Maintenance Department	580-654-6339
Security Department	580-654-6399

#### **Housing and Community Development**

Housing Authority	405-339-8100
Transportation Road Program	
Transit Services	580-654-2053
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#### **Kiowa Education Agency**

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Higher Education	405-648-0916
Head Start	580-654-6393
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Language Department	580-919-8300
WIOA (Workforce)	405-648-0927
Kiowa Museum	580-654-6366

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HHS Mainline	405-648-4080
Social Services	405-648-0930
AOA	580-654-1590
Veteran's Assistance Program	580-654-6454
Kiowa Food Distribution	580-654-2618
CHR/SDPI	580-654-2216
Kiowa Prevention Network	405-648-0901
KADAP/TOR	405-648-0464
Indian Child Welfare	405-648-0936
Kiowa Re-Entry	405-648-0895
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#### **Kiowa Enterprises**

Kiowa Casino	580-299-3333
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Kiowa Construction	580-919-8279
Kiowa Gift Shop	580-654-6359

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If you have recently moved, please update your address with the Enrollment office and Tax Commission. Address change forms are available on the website and at the Tribal Complex.

WWW.KIOWATRIBE.ORG (Click on Cauigu>Enrollment)

Forms can be mailed, faxed, or emailed upon request.

The Kiowa Tribe News is a monthly publication available to all enrolled adult tribal members by mail.

The Kiowa Tribe News will also be available on the Kiowa Tribe Website.

The deadline to submit articles for the next edition is:

#### **OCTOBER 20, 2023**

Articles can be submitted via email to PR@KiowaTribe.org

or mailed to: Kiowa Tribe Communications PO Box 369, Carnegie, OK 73015



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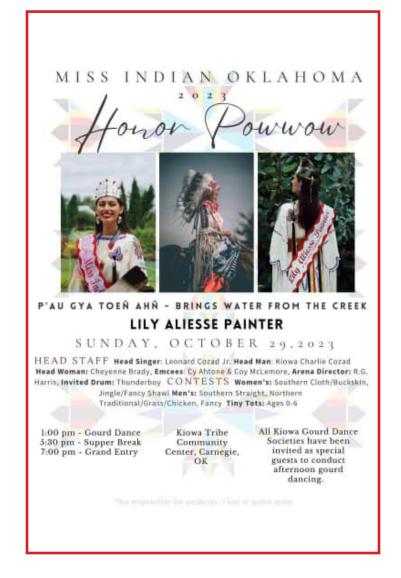
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#### OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2-Glow Run
  - Chief's Day- Complex Closed
- 3- KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Hobart)
- 4- KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Anadarko) Kiowa Singing Sessions Carnegie Circus
- 5- Kiowa Re-Entry National Poetry Day
- 6- KADAP Talking Circle Lawton Circus
- 7- Kiowa Blackleggings Warrior Society Ceremonial
- 8- Kiowa Blackleggins Warrior Society Ceremonial
- 9- Indigeneous Peoples Day! Kiowa Complex closed
- 10-KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Hobart)
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- 12 Carnegie Fair
- 13- KADAP Talking Circle Carnegie Fair
- 14 Carnegie Fair
- 16 Carnegie Chamber of Commerce
- 17- KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Anadarko)
- 18- KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Anadarko) Kiowa Singing Sessions
- 20- KADAP Talking Circle
- 21- 10/14 Mile Bike Ride @ Rainy Mountain
- 24- KADAP AA/NA Meeting (Hobart)
- 26- AOA Halloween Contest Cooking Demonstration
- 27- Kiowa Tribe Trunk Or Treat
- 30- Women's Health Fair
- 31- Blood Drive HAPPY HALLOWEEN







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## KIOWA TALK RADIO STILL ON THE MOVE

By: Keith Vasquez

Since April of 2020, Kiowa Talk Radio has been beaming Tribal information from the KACO 98.5 FM frequency in Anadarko OK. The show centers on topics concerning the Kiowa tribe, whether governmental or features on the Tribal Elders, or traditional music, it has continued to draw a large audience around Kiowa country. The program was originally paid for and hosted by J.T. Goombi as a thirty-minute show. The show then went to one hour. As far as experience went, Goombi had, for a short time, co-hosted the show "Indians For Indians". In the year 2000, the show was voted the number one Native radio show in the nation.

At the time, he was working as a salesman at a local automobile dealership. It was later, while working sales for KACO, that he decided to start a show that aired before the "Indians For Indians" program on Saturday mornings. The show starred Goombi relating the problems of the Kiowa Tribe, at that particular time. But, when Goombi spoke of a problem, he would also introduce his ideas for a solution. He later took a hands-on job with the Tribe (he had also once been a member of the Kiowa Business Committee) by being voted in as the

District 1 Legislator. Poe says that one of his favorite things about the show is that Goombi could enter the studio with little or no paper work before him, and do an hour show on his own.

Sadly, Goombi passed away in early 2021. The hosting duties of the show were inherited by Joe Poe Jr. and Mary Helen Deer. Poe then assumed the expenses of the show. At that point Poe and Deer were working strictly on a volunteer basis. Since day one Poe had been working closely with J.T. in the production of the weekly broadcast and knew how strongly Goombi felt about the show.

One of the reasons for Poe continuing Kiowa Talk Radio was due to J.T. himself. "I wanted to honor J.T.'s final wish, which was to continue the show. He said that he saw the show as a positive force that was beneficial to the Kiowa Tribe", said Poe. Coy McLemore later joined Poe and Deer to provide traditional music interludes during and after the talk portion of the show. This resulted in the show becoming a two-hour production. The show's content, including Kiowa language lessons, mixed well with McLemore's extensive collection of cds and recordings from other sources.

Since some of the Kiowa Legislators had been using the show to impart information to their constituents, they helped take up some of the slack by contributing monetarily to the two hours of air-time to help keep the show alive.

District 6 Leader, Ben Lucero Wolf, was one of the Legislators who thought it was necessary to keep the show going. "J.T.'s influence as a Kiowa leader, to me, was important in the functional area of the Tribe. I supported his thoughts as a Legislator and the transparency he brought to the Tribe", said Wolf.

The show has also been known to hit the road. The crew's travels have taken them to the likes of Indian Hills, Kiowa Gourd Clan, and the Tonkawa Pow Wow. Poe has recently broadcast the show from as far away as The Crow Fair.

With all of this happening one would think that, at some point, experience would play a part in the picture, but Poe admits he has no background in the field.

With no experience in radio, where has Poe drawn his influence and drive when it comes to the show?

He says that he can sum it up in three words. "Joseph Titus Goombi". The show airs on 98.5FM KACO in Anadarko, Oklahoma every Saturday morning at 9am. It can also be heard on the station's archives which are available on the KACO website newcountry985.com.



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#### FORMER KIOWA LEGISLATOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGING ELECTION PETITION

By Scott Rains/The Lawton Constitution

CARNEGIE — A former Kiowa tribal legislator pleaded guilty Wednesday to a count of forging names to his election nomination petition.

Jessie Svitak, a member of the Kiowa Tribe, pleaded guilty to one count of forgery in the tribe's court, according to Jeff Davis, interim prosecutor for the Carnegie-based tribe. Svitak faces up to two years imprisonment and a fine up to \$10,000.

The charge was submitted to the court on April 6. It followed Svitak's submission of an official nomination petition to the tribe's election commission to become a candidate as Legislative District No. 4 as a representative.

At that time, the chairman of the election commission questioned Svitak about some of the names and signatures on the petition; however, Svitak did not withdraw petition, Davis stated. The commission chairman contacted the people listed on the petition and she was informed they hadn't signed the petition and that their signatures had been forged.

"Fair and honest elections are the foundation of the Tribe's democracy," he said.

The Chairman further stated the Kiowa Election Commission and the Tribe have worked diligently to ensure the integrity of the Tribe's election process.

Chairman SpottedBird also affirmed that the Tribe's Administration has pledged to enforce the Kiowa Constitution and laws of the Tribe, and all individuals who violate the Constitution and laws will be held accountable.

"No one is above the law," he said.

Svitak had served as District No. 4 Legislator prior to this incident.

The Kiowa Tribal Administration helped establish the tribal court system in January in order to exercise the sovereign authority of the Kiowa Tribe over its lands and citizens, Davis said.

Svitak is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 15.Former Kiowa legislator pleads guilty to forging election petition swoknews.com 102 SW 3rd St Lawton, OK 73501 Phone: 580-585-5000

## THE LAWTON CONSTITUTION



#### **GREETINGS CAUIGU!**

My name is Richard McMahon and I am the Chairman of the Kiowa Casino Board of Directors (KCOA or the Board). I am citizen Kiowa and come from the Asanehiddle (Cody) & Saumty family. I write today to provide context around who the KCOA is and what we do. I've participated in several Legislative Town Halls a well as presented at the KIC meetings. I am surprised how few Kiowa

citizens know about the Board and our function within the governmental system. When I accepted the position, I promised Chairman Spottedbird I would make every effort to unveil the operations that had operated in secrecy for so many years. My hope is these publications will help clarify who the Board is and the role we play to better assist our Tribe.

The mission of the KCOA is to provide foundational objectives, strategic guidance and oversight to the Kiowa Casino Executive team in a joint effort to propel the Enterprise forward. The KCOA Board ensures the Enterprise remains in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements, while maximizing shareholder value and providing revenue back to the Tribe. The Board of Directors are appointed by the Kiowa Executive Branch and are confirmed by the Kiowa Legislative Branch. Our current, five-member team includes Marcy LaFerr (Kiowa), Renee Plata (Kiowa), T.W. Shannon (Chickasaw), Arthur Attocknie (Pawnee) and myself (Kiowa). Our regulatory body is the Kiowa Gaming Commission, (KGC). The KGC Executive Director and three Gaming Commissioners are also appointed by the Kiowa Executive Branch and confirmed by the Kiowa Legislative Branch. The KGC regulates all gaming activity within the Kiowa Casino Enterprise. Regulation of gaming

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and gaming vendors are essential for the protection of fair gaming, tribal assets and interests. The KGC upholds the highest standards of gaming regulations through our own Kiowa Gaming Ordinance and systems of internal controls. The KGC Executive Director is Robert Short and the three Gaming Commissioners are David Lomavoya, Mary Helen Deer and Blas Precidio.

The Tribe owns three casino properties with a fourth under construction in Hobart, OK. Our flagship property, Kiowa Casino & Hotel, is located in Devol, OK, just 15 minutes north of Wichita Falls, TX. This property opened in 2007 and the hotel was added in 2018. This 63,000 square foot "Red River" property offers Las Vegas-style gaming with over 700 of the latest and greatest slots, as well as table games offering Blackjack, Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em and Roulette.

The Kiowa Casino Hotel hosts 63 guest rooms, meeting rooms, and a fully-equipped business center. The "Red River" property offers two great dining experiences; the Morning Star Steakhouse and The Winners

Circle Cafe. While you are there, don't forget to check out the Kiowa Gift Shop located just inside the casino main doors.

Kiowa Casino Carnegie opened in 2018 and is located in Carnegie on Highway 9. This property features over 100 slot machines. In addition, patrons can enjoy light dining options at the Café along with beverage service.

Kiowa Casino Verden opened in 2010 and is located on Highway 62, between Anadarko and Verden. This property features 100 slot machines. Like Carnegie, patrons can enjoy light dining options at the Café along with beverage service.

The Board is excited to announce that construction has commenced at our latest property located off Highway 183 and 5th Street in Hobart, OK. This facility will be the first Kiowa Casino in Kiowa County. The 25,000 square foot facility will host 300 slots as well as a restaurant dining option which is destined to be a community favorite. The Board selected Direct 2 Completion, LLC as the Owner Representative to assist in the commercial construction master planning, design, and construction management for

this project. Construction is being completed by Timberlake Construction Company. We anticipate this property to open in late 2024.

The KCOA and Casino Executive Team recently participated in a District 7 Webinar Q&A session where I presented a historical accounting of events since I took office in August of 2022. You can review the recorded session at Legislator Warren Queton's District 7 YouTube page found here: https://www.youtube.com/@kiowatribedistrict7.

Aho! Richard McMahon, KCOA Chairman





#### **Kiowa Tribe Housing Authority**

#### **NAHASDA HUD Program**

KTHA is accepting applications for the following programs under the NAHASDA HUD Program:

- 1. Low-Income Rental Unit Tenancy
- 2. Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance
- 3. Storm Shelter Installation
- 4. Major Rehabilitation for Homeowners(ONHOLD)
- 5. Minor Rehabilitation for Homeowners

We are in the process of rebuilding the application waiting list for assistance. We are accepting applications through May 31, 2023 to be considered for assistance in 2023. Those who do not receive assistance will remain on the waiting list until funding is available.

The Kiowa Tribal Geographical Distribution Areas include the Oklahoma counties: Caddo, Kiowa, Comanche, Cotton, Tillman, and selected parts of Blaine, Canadian, Grady, Stephens, and Jefferson.

## Homeowner Assistance Fund Program

KTHA is accepting applications for assistance for homeowners who have been or are currently affected by Covid-19. Tribal Members who own their home, or are purchasing their home, may apply. The HAF program can assist with:

- 1. Mortgage Payments
- 2. Utilities (electric, water, natural gas, propane)
- 3. Home Insurance Payments
- 4. Home Property Tax Payments

The HAF Program is totally funded through Emergency Funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury and all regulatory requirements shall be adhered to by the administration of KTHA.

Applications can be found at www.kiowatribe.org, or call 405-339-8100 to request an application be mailed to you, or come by and pick one up at the KTHA office located at 1701 East Central in Anadarko from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.





#### Get involed, call your representive!

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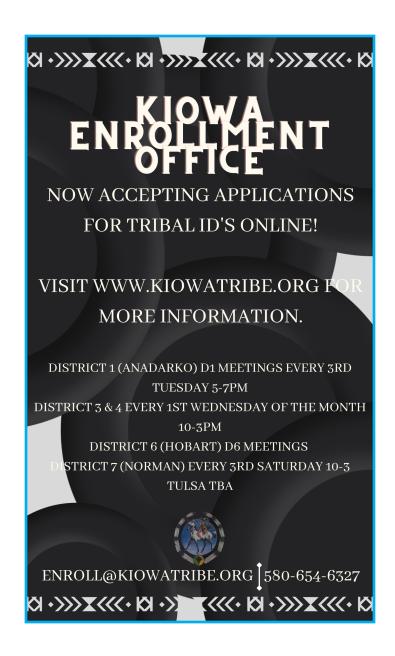
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The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of each month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM. All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcomed to Join!





#### **Health and Wellness**



Left to Right, Natasha Simpson-Re-Entry Director, Angela Anderson-Victims Services Director, Arvo Quoetone Mikkanen-U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Oklahoma Assistant U.S. Attorney & Senior Counsel for Tribal Relations, Mark Cody-Kiowa Tribe Police Director, Larry Topaum-KADAP/TOR Cultural Coordinator/CM1, Rick Cizek-Kiowa Tribe Police Specialist, and Melissa Moreton-KADAP/TOR PRSS.

## KIOWA TRIBE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS.

The Kiowa Re-Entry
Program attended the Tribal
Intergovernmental Reentry
Workshop. On September 6-8,
2023 in Tulsa, Ok. The TIRW was
developed as a team training. It
was requested that each Oklahoma
Tribe should create a team of Five
to Eight Officials. With decision
making authority from tribal, state,
and local governmental and program
offices relevant to the reentry
program and/or planning process.

The TIRW team included different programs from the Kiowa Tribe who attended the Reentry workshop. Kiowa Re-Entry Director-Natasha Simpson, Kiowa Tribal Police Director-Mark Cody, Kiowa Tribal Police Specialist-Rick Cizek, Victims Program Director-Angela Anderson, KADAP/TOR Cultural Program Coordinator/CM1-Larry Topaum, and KADAP/TOR Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS)-Melissa

Moreton.

During the three-day workshop we got to network, collaborate, and listen to many presenters such as; tribal reintegration programs, U.S. Probation Office Officials, U.S. Attorney's Office, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), U.S. Department of Justice, OJP, BJA, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Funding Resources, Tribal Reentry Panel, Additional presentations and team development activities.

Our goal as a team is to create a task force with this team. As we work together with other Tribal, State, and Federal Officials. This Re-Entry Workshop was needed, to be able to address our concerns, and barriers that we are having in our communities here in Southwest Oklahoma when dealing with Re-Entry.

On day two Ms. Melissa Moreton-KADAP/TOR Peer Recovery
Support Specialist was on the PRSS
Panel Discussion in regards to PRSS
in Tribal Communities. The other
panelist was Daryl Legg, Cherokee
Nation Tribal Council, District 6.
They were asked a series of questions
pertaining to PRSS in Tribal
Communities. We are very proud of
Melissa, in speaking about PRSS and
how it is a great asset and benefits our
communities.

I would like to Thank the Kiowa Tribe Programs that were able to attended this workshop with the Kiowa Re-Entry Program. They all were a great representation and leaders of the Kiowa Tribe.



Natasha Simpson, MS Kiowa Re-Entry Director Address: 208 Hardee W. St, Anadarko, Ok 73005 Email: nsimpson@kiowatribe.org Office Number: 405-648-0895 Cell Phone Number: 580-919-3175

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## KIOWA RE-ENTRY CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

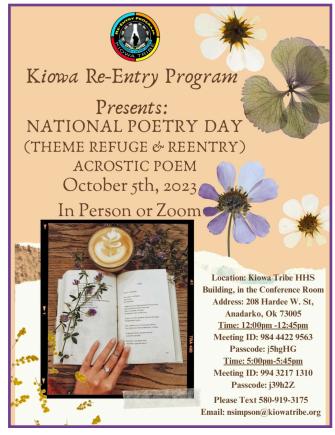
In May of 2021 I was sent to prison after fighting my addiction for many years with several felonies and years to do. Knowing I was the one that got me in there I knew I was the only one that was going to get me out. After finishing my program, I was sentenced to I would be released, in my mind that's all I had to do was graduate the program and everything would be over. In June of 2023 I graduated and was released. But with everything I learned from my program I knew returning to my hometown was not good. So, I was released to a sober living in a new town. I would like to say that's when things got easy but it wasn't. From all my past choices finding a job was beyond difficult. Two months out of prison I got my driver's license reinstated, then bought me car, but I kept getting turned down for jobs. Finally, after all my hard work and determination I got hired on to a company with full benefits and good pay. My advice to anyone is to not give up, when times get hard, know that you're worth it, and don't let your past define you. Having a great support team is a must. My inspiration comes from my three wonderful kids, an amazing mother who never gives up on me, Kiowa Tribe reentry lady gets credit too for going above and beyond for me, and my sober living directors for pushing me to do better. Always remember you determine your destiny!

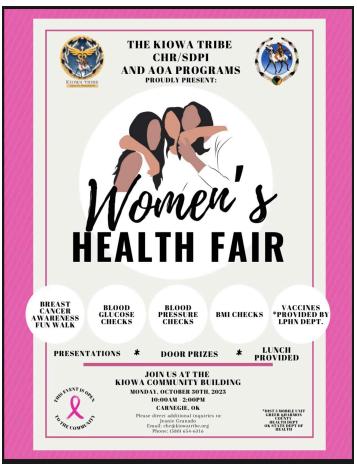
September 26th, 2023

Written By: Kiowa Tribal Member - Female \*\*Due to the Confidentiality Agreement, we are not allowed to give the name of the client.



Come Join the Cooking Demonstration on October 26th! Everyone is welcome and will recieve incentive for attending!





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## HOMINY QUESADILLA



#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat a large skillet over medium-high heat
- 2. Add oil and veggies to the pan. If using, sprinkle cumin on top and mix. Cook until veggies are tender. Remove from pan.
- 3. Place 3/4 cup of veggies on one side of each tortilla, sprinkle with cheese and fold over. Place in skillet two at a time.
- 4. cook for 3-4 minutes on each side or until tortilla is golden brown and cheese is melted.
- 5. Place quesadilla on cutting board, cut in half or in thirds. Serve warm.

#### Ingredients

1 can - Hominy, low sodium

1 large - Summer squash, cut into strips

1 large - bell pepper, cut into strips

1 large - Yellow Onion, cut into strips

1/2 cup - Cheese, reduced-fat, shredded

6 (8-inch) - Whole wheat tortillas

1 teaspoon - Vegetable oil

1 teaspoon - Cumin (optional)

#### **Options:**

For added protein, try adding chicken breast, fish, lean cuts of pork or beef.

Other veggies could be added, try carrots or zuchini.

Any type of bell pepper could be used, swap green for red, orange or yellow.

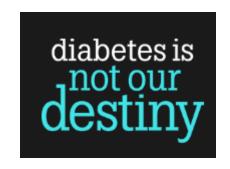
Any type of onion could be used, swap yellow or white or red.

For some spice, add a seeded and diced jalapeno.

Makes 6 servings, 1 quesadilla each.

Inspired by The Native Chef, Jason Champagne, MPH http://jasonthenativechef.com

Material funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance ProgramSNAP. The institution is an equal opportunity provider



## LOCAL OKLAHOMA COMPANIES PARTNER WITH KIOWA TRIBE ON ORPHANED WELL PROJECTS

Kiowa Tribe leads efforts to enhance lands through orphaned well project By Native Oklahoma



OKLAHOMA CITY — Two local Oklahoma City companies, Reagan Smith, Red Dirt Energy, have partnered with Kiowa Construction to provide services related to orphaned wells on Tribal lands in the state. This four-million-dollar project is set to provide essential services to the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, with a focus on orphaned well identification, plugging, environmental remediation and data management.

"This collaboration demonstrates the benefit of partnering with private companies to support the Kiowa Tribe's endeavors to protect our environment and make our lands a safer place for our people to live," Kiowa Tribal Chairman Lawrence Spottedbird said.

This innovative collaboration brings together a diverse array of expertise to address the urgent environmental concerns faced by the tribes.

The project encompasses several key objectives:

Data Management System: The foundation of this initiative lies in the establishment of an ongoing data management system, which will serve as an essential inventory of well sites and related environmental data, providing mapping, monitoring and information review capabilities throughout the project.

Tribal Project Administration: A Tribal Project Assistant will be supported to ensure the seamless administration of the project, sustaining well progress, reporting and enhancing leadership and mentoring skills within the tribes.

Orphaned Well Identification and Remediation: The partnership will identify and characterize undocumented orphaned wells on Tribal lands, assess the environmental impacts and proceed with plugging and remediation. Red Dirt Energy, a certified plugging vendor, will play a central role in this process. Environmental Assessment and

Environmental Assessment and Remediation: Reagan Smith, a certified woman-owned business specializing in energy projects on Tribal lands, will conduct environmental assessments, due diligence site assessments and sampling if contamination is suspected. The company will also coordinate the remediation of degraded areas adjacent to orphaned wells. Reclamation and Infrastructure Removal: Kiowa Construction, a Native-owned business, will manage the reclamation and remediation efforts at each well site. This vital role also includes the removal of associated pipelines, facilities and infrastructure.

Transparency and Accountability: The partnership commits to providing public accounting of the cost of plugging, remediation and reclamation for each orphaned well site on Tribal lands, ensuring transparency throughout the project. "This partnership embodies our Tribe's spirit of unity and progress," Kiowa Tribe Director Ephraim Kelley said. "We are proud to collaborate with industry leaders who share our values and vision for a sustainable future. Together, we will address critical environmental challenges and pave the way for positive change."

"We are honored to contribute our expertise to this transformative partnership," Red Dirt Energy COO Scott St. John said. "By addressing environmental challenges and ensuring accountability, we aim to make a lasting positive impact on the Tribal communities we serve."

To learn more about Reagan Smith, Red Dirt Energy and Kiowa Construction, visit the company websites.

#### About Kiowa Tribe

The Kiowa Tribe is devoted to protecting its sovereignty, preserving and advocating for its rich Kiowa culture and language; as well as enhancing the quality of life for the future generation of Kiowa Tribal Citizens.

#### About Reagan Smith

In 2005, in response to the emerging need for full-service state, federal and Tribal project management consultants, Reagan Smith strives to provide all the disciplines needed for project success in a seamlessly integrated, powerful team. We believe every project is unique and needs tailored management. We work with you as a partner to streamline your project while protecting environmental, wildlife and cultural resources. Your goals are our goals! Protect, Plan and Develop with Reagan Smith.

#### About Red Dirt Energy

Red Dirt Energy, LLC is an oil and gas service company located in Oklahoma City. Through services such as reducing emissions through methane testing and mitigation, restoring the land for new projects through plugging and remediation and monetizing remediation through carbon credits, Red Dirt Energy provides the energy industry with expertise, experience, integrity and technology. To learn more about Red Dirt Energy, LLC and its work in sustainability and environmental protection, visit reddirtenergy.net.

#### **About Kiowa Construction**

Kiowa Construction is a native owned business providing construction services throughout Oklahoma.



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September 1, 2023 at 9am the seventeen teams of golfers tee'd off at the 1st Annual Kiowa Tribal Chairman's Golf Challenge in Shawnee, OK. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to the Kiowa Education Foundation. We look forward to building this benefit in the years to come. Congratulations to our first place winners, Brooks Freeman, Robert Komahcheet III, Robert Komahcheet JR. and Tyler M. Also, thank you to the golfers and to all of our sponsors.















Pictured from left to right: Lexus Halfred – NASNTI Student Engagement Specialist, Dayna Rowe – Executive Director of External Affairs (College's PR Person), President Jena Marr, Chairman Lawrence Spottedbird, Kiowa Education Agency Executive Director Lindy Waters II, and Higher Education Director Dr. Toni Tsatoke-Mule

## REDLANDS COLLEGE SIGNS MOU WITH THE KIOWA TRIBE.

Plans to work together were secured when the Kiowa Tribe signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Through an agreement with the Kiowa Tribe, Redlands Community College will begin offering a Kiowa language course next fall.

Members of Redlands Administration, the Kiowa Higher Education Offices and the Kiowa Tribal Chairman, recently met at the Kiowa Health and Human Services offices, in Anadarko recently, to make the dream a reality.

Redlands Community College President Jena Marr met with Lawrence Spottedbird, Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe, and the Kiowa Higher Education Department, at the Kiowa Health and Human Services offices in Anadarko, to formalize the agreement that also includes initiatives designed to generate awareness of the American Indian culture as well as to enhance programs that encourage and support high school student tribal members who are interested in pursuing a college degree.

"We value our tribal partners and are excited about this new collaboration," Marr said, "We look forward to working with Chairman Spottedbird's education team to increase support for students who are citizens of the Kiowa Tribe. And as an institution that strives to provide a rich academic environment."

The collaboration was developed through the college's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI) Part F Grant, a five-year grant totaling \$2.06 million dollars awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. NASNTI is an eligible institution of higher education that is not less than 10 percent Native American students, and is not a Tribal College or University. The current NASNTI grant is mental health and wellness focused. They offer counseling resources to help NA college students cope with the

transition to college life and responsibilities.

The grant has improved the institution's capacity to increase the participation, academic success and graduation of Native American and low-income students, as well as increased the college's capacity to offer high-quality digital learning and enhance mental health resources for students.

Only forty-nine miles away from Anadarko, one of RCC's top three Native American groups on campus is the Kiowa Tribe. Some of the many reasons for the Kiowa Tribe to partner with RCC are affordable on-campus housing, men's and women's basketball, and cross country, as well as technology and textbook loan programs, to help extend resources to Native students with limited resources.

The Kiowa Tribe Education Agency, will support Native American initiatives at the El Reno college and share information about RCC with program applicants.

"Redlands is proud to expand the opportunities for all students to learn the Kiowa language and culture", said Marr.







An annual convening of passionate local community people to revisit the the needs and strengths of the Anadarko community was held at the Oklahoma State University Extention Office in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Kiowa Education and HHS department representatives were so grateful to attend and be included in among community members, local tribal governments, civic groups, business, and educational organizations.

Goal Area 1: Strengthen Community Engagement meets 3rd Mondays of the month: Library 2-3pm,

Goal Area 2: Strengthen Employment and Skilled Workforce meets the 2nd Wednesdays of each month,

Goal Area 3: Strengthen Opportunities In Affordable Housing meets 2-3 pm every 3rd Friday of each month.

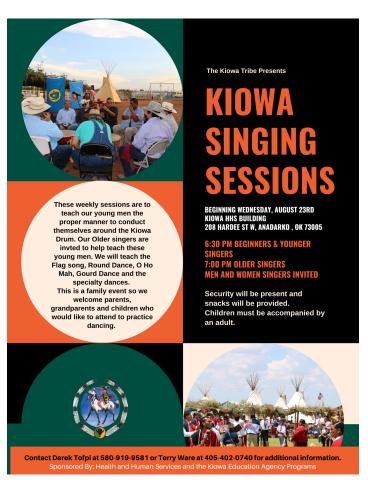
Please join us in strengthening a better Anadarko







We are so appreciative of our stronger connections to AISES, and the Administration for Native Americans. Today we completed a final component for our project with the Wichita and Comanche education departments. We accomplished a lot in one year and hope to partner again in the future.



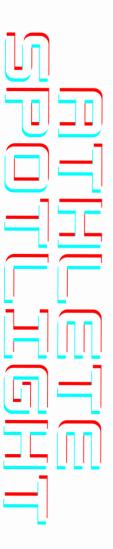
#### KIOWA EDUCATION AGENCY

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## EVERY CHILD MATTERS















We wear orange to raise awareness about the history of federal Indian boarding schools across the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., the concept of "boarding" or removal of indigenous children from their homes, families and communities grew from a group of 72 imprisoned Kiowas, and other plains tribes at Fort Marion in Florida in 1875. Four years later, the idea of "boarding" native children in great distance from their homes was conducted on a larger scale with the opening of Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania in 1879. Orange Shirt Day gives us an opportunity to educate others about this difficult, yet important era of history



James Anquoe Sr. received the Cultural Leadership Award at the First Americans Museum Gala on September 15, 2023. Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird, Vice-Chairman Jacob Tsotigh, E.D. Lindy Waters, Higher Education Director, Dr. Tsatoke-Mule, Youth Development, Derek Topfi, and guests attended in honor of Mr. Anquoe and his family. Mr. Anquoe is a Kiowa Gourd Clan member, and a composer of songs. He is also a veteran and member of the Tòñ:kóñ:gàut. Mr. Anquoe composed the official song for the First Americans Museum which officially opened September 18, 2021. The FAM Tribal Nations Gala was a celebration of the achievements of many distinguished individuals. We were so honored to attend on behalf of one of our beloved Kiowa elders.









#### **Kiowa Entertainers**



## Adrianne Chalepah

She's a published author who wrote the final chapter of the book, "Funny Girl," an anthology of women comics and writers. She's a successful stand-up comedian with over a decade of professional stage experience. She's an actress with roles in shows like FX's "Reservation Dogs" and Netflix's "Spirit Rangers." Her name is Adrianne Chalepah, and she is Kiowa.

In 2011, she wrote a little bit about the road she's traveled and shared it with Kiowa News. Hope you enjoy the re-print.

LONG ROAD TO LAUGHTER...by Adrianne Chalepah

My life in Oklahoma started when I was 2 days old or 2 weeks old, depending on who tells the story. By all accounts, I was born the day before Halloween in Flagstaff, Arizona to Les Chalepah, Sr. and Lynn Chalepah. Being the newborn menace I was, my parents needed to flee immediately. So, they packed me into a beat-up car on a cold winter day and made the 12-hour drive to Zoletone (west

of Carnegie). I have no idea what their urgency was. Running from some kind of debt, I suspect. Thus, began my lifelong habit of running from my problems, also procuring debt.

We bounced around nearly every town in southwest Oklahoma – Carnegie, Dodge, Chickasha, and ended up back in Arizona when I was three. My parents divorced around that time. My siblings and I were raised by a single mom who worked three jobs. Life was extremely hard in my early child development years – so much so that I'm a couple of bricks shy of a load. I say that jokingly, but also, I mean it. In kindergarten, I had no social skills, and couldn't follow basic instructions. The teacher wanted to hold me back a year, but my mom wasn't having that.

Besides, we were on the run again. My parents got back together when I was about 6 years old (then broke up, then got back together, then broke up, then back together). We lived with my Grandma Libby Tonahcot Ware in Zoletone while my parents got on their feet. We continued

to struggle with housing insecurity for the rest of my childhood, but I found two places to be home: Anadarko and Zoletone. No matter where I am, I long for my family in Dodge and Zoletone. These places gave me stability when I had none. After all, I had attended 10 different schools by 10th grade (For those keeping track, here's the schools I attended: Flagstaff, Winslow [2x], Gallup, Anadarko [2x], Lawton, Indiahoma, Cache [5-9th grades], & Riverside Indian School [10-12th grades]).

Don't fret. Being the new kid has its perks. You must protect yourself. You either learn how to fight or get funny. Or do both. Your sense of humor will help you heal after a fight. Learning how to adapt to any situation gave me the ability to woo crowds in my adulthood.

In 10th grade, Riverside Indian School became my anchor. I realized Riverside was my last shot at an education. So, I tried to get my life together. Before that, my whole freshman year, I got in trouble at Cache Public Schools -- not for anything like drugs or fighting. I was a teen delinquent for one reason only: my mouth. I was a class clown and had detention every day. After they exhausted their disciplinary "point" system, they suspended me. That's when my educational advocate mom (thanks, Mom) asked Cache to allow me to come back. My mom, convinced I would be a lawyer someday because I "liked to argue and BS people," didn't want me to fail 9th grade. My grades had slipped, and I couldn't afford to fall further behind. They agreed -- under one condition: I received swats. I returned to school, Cache whooped me, and I finished 9th grade.

At that point, I felt everyone had given up on me. I figured if I were to make anything of myself, I had to do it on my own. Only in retrospect can I appreciate my parents' efforts and how they did the best they could. They instilled creativity, work ethic, and survival. I'm grateful for my parents. However, at the time, I was engulfed in trauma, rage, and pain. Our lives were hard. Our family was impacted

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#### **Kiowa Entertainers**

by intergenerational trauma and didn't escape the effects of poverty. Collectively, my family and communities experienced violence, addiction, and mental illness. However, I had parents who valued education and encouraged me to keep going. So, at Riverside, I blossomed. I maintained a 4.0 GPA, was president of a club called "Close-Up," ran track, and applied for college.

More importantly, I found my voice. I didn't feel the need to heckle my teachers, play pranks on them, or sass them. I credit this because, at Riverside, I was surrounded by family. In Cache, I understood that the news of my disrespectful behavior wouldn't travel to Zoletone or Dodge. I tore it because I could. I was angry and acting out. Once I enrolled at Riverside, I immediately knew I was representing my family and needed to behave. Looking back on those days, I believe what straightened me out was a combination of structure and culture. I took an interest in studying Kiowa language. I have memories of my late "big sister" Kate Tonahcot and how she only spoke Kiowa to me as a kid. I wanted to speak Kiowa to her in my dreams. I took Kiowa classes at Riverside and felt rooted -- grounded. I began to use my English words for good, too. Instead of being a sarcastic annoyance, I found a love for writing – pouring my emo thoughts onto paper at night and laughing about with my friends by day.

Those are the positive highlights. I also got into a fight on the second day of school and wound up in "transition," a bootcamp-style rehabilitation dorm. In my official biography, I don't always include what a troublemaker I was. I spent the summers running away, depressed, and out of control. Yet, when I returned to Riverside after breaks, I overachieved, managed my depression toward hobbies, and gradually grew into a responsible adult.

Once I graduated, I became a serious scholar. At Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, I was an English major. I wanted to be an investigative journalist. However, the more I understood the media, the more jaded I became. I needed something

for my heart. So, I switched my degree emphasis to film production, screenwriting, and creative writing. Then, one day my friend told me he organized an Open-Mic night. "I wanna sign up!" I blurted out. I always loved comedy and making people laugh. I grew up watching Monty Python and SNL. I love comedians. How cool is it that they get paid to goof around? Anyway, my friend signed me up and said I would perform for 3-5 minutes. One joke or story was all I needed.

So, I wrote the material, rehearsed it, and had an anxiety attack. What did I get myself into?! I wanted to back out - but -- I'm frustratingly reliable. I do what I say I'm going to do. I fought my stage fright, which developed as a choir kid -- after landing solos and bombing each one, due to nerves. Alas, the open mic night came, and I was one of the last performers to go on. I took the stage to a packed room. Maybe it was the adrenaline or maybe I was well-prepared, but I killed it! They laughed and kept laughing. It went better than I hoped. I lost sense of time and space. For a moment, stress and the outside world didn't exist. I was on stage for about 17 minutes. In comedy land, that's too long for a beginner and slightly unprofessional. I apologized to my friend for losing time at his open mic and left on cloud nine.

The experience was healing. The laughter rang in my ears far after it subsided. At 20 years old, I found my calling. I turned my pain into comedy and the world looked brighter. I grew to appreciate the embarrassing and painful moments. They are the fuel for joy at a later time. When I feel voiceless or small in an unjust society, I hop on stage and express myself. Sure, most of my comedy is alternative or toilet humor, but it mutually provides me and my audiences with a cathartic release. Part of me feels I'm achieving my initial goal of investigative journalism. In my standup, I observe the world around me, take notes, and report back what I've seen. I add a spin to it and let the crowd decide for themselves what to interpret. I'm not one to judge, preach, or even inspire. I just want to laugh and provide a safe space for others to do so, too.

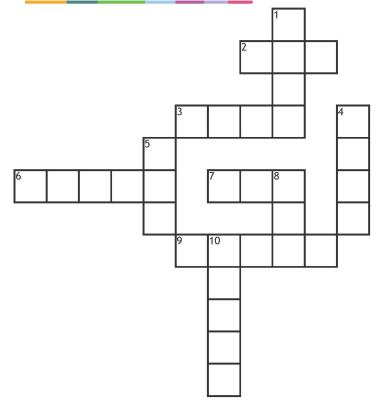
(Editor's note: Adrianne Chalepah went on to get her MFA in Creative Writing from IAIA, guest-star in popular shows like Peacock's "Rutherford Falls," and open an event for First Lady Michelle Obama. She has four children and is close with her family and communities. Her stand-up can be seen on Amazon Prime's "First Nations Comedy Experience." She is currently touring with 49 Laughs and 3 Sisters Comedy and said she is still in debt).



## Numbers

#### **Across**

- 2. maw-saw
- 3. awn-t'aw
- 6. pahñ-oh
- **7.** yee
- 9. pahn-sayñ

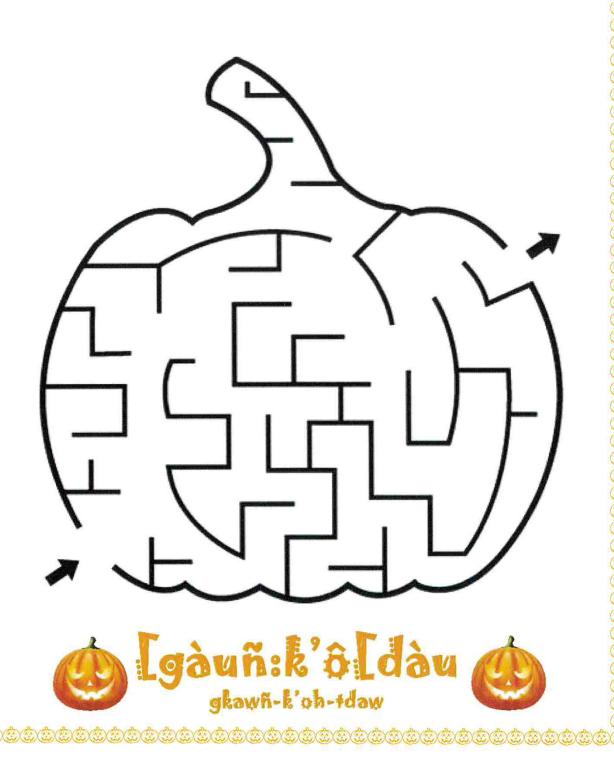


#### <u>Down</u>

- 1. gkawt-sayñ
- 4. yee-gkyah
- 5. gkaw-keeñ
- 8. pbah
- 10. yaht-sayñ



## Pumpkin Maze



#### **Senior Services**





\*Birthday Dinner: Celebrating Elders October Birthdays & Family Style Bingo. \*Halloween Costume Contest for Elders 60 & older at AOA at 12:30pm.

Open Devotion @ 11:30am

Must have at least 6 going)

Casino Trip @ 2:00pm

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

Coconut Cream Pie

Broccoli w/ Ranch

w/ Meatballs

Water Aerobics @ 8:15am

Chair Exercises @ 11am

\*Flea Market: Open to vendors & public at no charge. Table provided & lunch.

\*Open Devotion: Every Tuesday at 11:30am the floor is open for anyone who

\*Columbus Day—Closed

Beans / Homemade Chips

Witches Fingers

Mummy Wraps

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30 Tortellini Soup

GENERAL INFORMATION

would like to share a scripture reading, elaborate on it, a song, or prayer.

Casino Trips: Every other Monday and must have at least 6 to go.

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#### <u>Treasurer</u>

Carnegie, OK

The Treasurer will oversee the financial affairs of the Kiowa Tribe and ensure the organization adheres to all legal accounting practices. The Treasurer will maintain and improve the company's financial standing by guiding financial policies, assessing risks, determining funding opportunities and advising on investment opportunities.

#### Qualifications

Masters Degree in Finance or Accounting required. Must have at least five (5) years of experience in Tribal Government account/finance.

#### Chief Financial Officer

Carnegie, OK

The Chief Financial Officer will direct and oversee the financial activities of the corporation, direct the preparation of current financial reports and summaries, and create forecasts predicting future growth.

#### Qualifications

Masters Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or FOR FULL JOB DESCRIPTIONS GO TO:
WWW.KIOWATRIBE.ORG & CLICK ON "CAREERS"

#### How to Apply:

Please submit the following.

- Kiowa Tribe Application
- Copy of Valid State Driver's License
- Copy of Indian Preference Form 5-4432 or Valid federally-recognized Tribal ID
- College Transcripts OR Certificates of Completion (if required to qualify)

Submit to Email:
hr@kiowatribe.org
OR
drop off at:
100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK
73015

Finance required. Certified Public Accountant preferred. Eighteen years experience in financial management.

#### **Executive Director**

Carnegie, OK

Under the direct supervision of the Kiowa Tribal Chairman, the Executive Director is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the Kiowa Tribe (KT) in accordance with applicable policies, rules and regulations. Oversees the management and coordination of all tribal activities for the KT including, but not limited to, tribal and program budgets, cooperative agreements with all funding agencies, appropriate staff training and development.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree Business Administration, Finance, Public Administration, or related field and prior tribal experience. Experience can be substituted with a Master's Degree.

#### **Director of Human Resources**

Carnegie, OK

The Human Resource Director will plan, direct, and coordinate the policies, activities, and staff of the HR department ensuring legal compliance and implementation of the Kiowa Tribe's mission and talent strategy.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource, Business Administration, or related field, required. Master's Degree preferred but not required. Or combination of education and at least three (3) years of human resource management experience required. SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP preferred.

#### **Director of Procurement**

Carnegie, OK

The Procurement Director is responsible for developing a strategic approach to the procurement process for the purchase of direct and indirect goods and services. The Procurement Director will update (continued on Page 26)

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

or develop procurement policies and procedures. Supervise and oversee a procurement department ensuring orders are processed in accordance with policy and compliance related to OMB Circulars, P.L. 93-638 contracts/grants, other federal grants and tribal programs to continue smooth operation of services.

#### Qualifications

An Associates Degree or bachelor's degree in Business, logistics or related field, or a combination of; 7 – 10 years of related experience, with at least 10 years of supervisory experience.

#### **Head Start Lead Teacher**

Carnegie, OK

The Head Start Lead Teacher is responsible for the operation of the Head Start classroom including; the general planning of educational, health, nutrition, and family engagement activities for the classroom

#### Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field and coursework equivalent to a major relating to Early Childhood Education, with experience teaching preschool age children preferred.

#### **Head Start Teacher Aid**

Lawton, OK

The Head Start Teacher's Aide is responsible in creating a caring and safe environment for young children to improve the overall quality of learning concepts. Assist the Lead Teacher with curriculum planning, supervision, and teaching of children in a classroom setting; assist in presenting and reinforcing learning concepts.

#### Qualifications

Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field with experience teaching preschool age children preferred; or a CDA with experience working towards an Associates Degree.

#### Head Start teacher Aide

Carnegie, OK

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#### Qualifications

Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field with experience teaching preschool age children preferred; or a CDA with experience working towards an Associates Degree.

#### **Director of Social Services**

Carnegie, OK

The Social Service Director is responsible for direct oversight of the program, to include all administrative functions of the P.L. 93-638 Social Services Contract, LIHEAP, Tribal Social Services and Domestic Violence Programs. The Director shall ensure that all programmatic reports, budgt modifications, statistical information, etc., are submitted in a timely manner to the funding agencies.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor Degree or higher in Social work, Sociology, Criminal Justice, or comparable equivalent work or training experience.

#### **Tax Administration**

Carnegie, OK

The Tax Administrator is responsible for collecting oil and gas tax revenues on tribal and alloted lands, property taxes on motor vehicle tags and renewals. Maintains and provides various Tax Commission data reporting requirements for the department. Supervise Tax Clerks and clerical staff to ensure accountability for the daily operations, deposits and reporting of revenue as required.

#### **Qualifications**

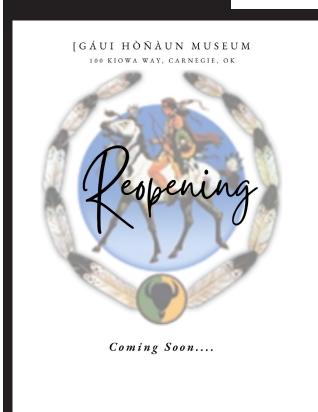
Bachelor's degree in related field such as Business Administration, Public Administration or related field and four (4) years of experience in the administration of tax laws or equivalent of education and experience preferred.

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